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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/656,096

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For: MANAGEMENT SERVER FOR
ASSIGNING STORAGE AREAS
TO SERVER, STORAGE
APPARATUS SYSTEM AND
PROGRAM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 9922

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2141

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.